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Boy Fights Prowler In Bay Village Home

A 17-year-old Bay Village youth told police today he had fought with a prowler who broke into his home while his parents were away.

The youth, Miles Davis, a student at a radio and television school, lives at 375 Kenilworth Rd., in the west shore suburb.

Corrigan Issues Statement

When Attorney William J. Corrigan heard about the house-breaking encounter he said: "The killer of Marilyn Sheppard is still at large."

Corrigan represents Dr. Samuel H. Sheppard, Bay Village osteopath awaiting trial for the July 4 slaying of his wife.

Mrs. Wallace A. Davis, mother of the youth who discovered the prowler in her bedroom, said she had called Mrs. Richard N. Sheppard, sister-in-law of Dr. Sam, and told her of the incident.

Miles Davis said that he was in bed with an infected leg listening to the radio when he heard a

noise. Investigating, he encountered a man with a "pipe wrench" in his mother's room.

Tells of Struggle

The youth said he struggled with the man, whom he described as six feet tall and of medium build wearing a cap and dark jacket. When they fell on the bed the man was on top, he said, but got up and ran to a hallway.

Davis said he grabbed the man in the hallway and knocked him against the bedroom door, splintering a wood panel in the door.

The man then ran out the front door and disappeared, Davis said. The youth said he looked at himself in the bathroom mirror, ascertained he was not injured and then called police.

Bay Village Police Chief John Eaton refused to comment on the incident.

Davis is a student at the Griswold Institute, 1766 E. 12th St. His father operates a radio and television service.